GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ACCIDENTS IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accidents that occurred in coal mines during the last three years, mine-wise and location-wise;

(b) the number of persons who died/injured in these accidents, mine-wise and location-wise;

(c) the funds allocated for undertaking safety measures in each coal mine during the said period;

(d) whether such accidents took place due to the negligence of the management;

(e) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against those persons who are responsible for such accidents; and

(f) the details of the compensation and other relief provided to the families of the deceased?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARYANA RAO)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 124 for reply on 7-3-2007.

(a) & (b) : The details of accidents that occurred during the last three years (2004, 2005 & 2006) in the mines of subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), and the number of persons died/ injured in these accidents are given as under:

Company/ Location	No. of Fatal Accidents			No. of Fatalities			No. of Serious Accidents			No. of persons seriously Injured		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
ECL (W.Bengal & Jharkhand)	16	15	8	17	16	13	183	114	92	187	114	94
BCCL(Jharkhand)	11	12	11	12	17	60	70	61	45	71	66	47
CCL(Jharkhand)	10	8	4	10	22	4	20	16	14	24	16	14
NCL (M.P.& U.P.)	3	3	4	4	3	5	9	17	15	10	18	15
WCL (Maharastra & M.P.)	13	11	13	13	11	13	63	44	56	66	45	59
SECL(Chatisgarh & M.P.)	7	14	7	8	15	7	97	87	66	99	90	69
MCL(Orissa)	4	9	2	4	9	2	17	13	10	17	13	17
NEC(Assam)	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	1
(Sub total) CIL	66	73	49	70	94	104	459	354	299	474	364	316
SCCL(Andhra Pr.)	11	12	16	14	12	19	161	787	618	163	789	622
Others Including Lignite	10	14	13	12	14	14	11	8	7	12	8	7
Total	87	99	78	96	120	137	631	1149	924	649	1161	945

ECL = Eastern Coalfields Limited
BCCL = Bharat Coking Coal Limited
CCL = Central Coalfields Limited
NCL = Northern Coalfields Limited
WCL = Western Coalfields Limited
SECL = South Eastern Coalfields Limited
MCL = Mahanadi Coalfields Limited
NEC = North Eastern Coalfields

(c) : The funds allocated for undertaking safety measures during the last three years in the mines of subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) are given as under :

Figures in lakh rupees

Company	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
ECL	12578.00	12974.00	12588.00
BCCL	17118.05	14283.87	16017.43
CCL	1715.64	2252.21	2483.91
NCL	864.00	4960.00	4998.00
WCL	7413.18	6950.00	7474.80
SECL	9988.26	10025.75	10799.45
MCL	4516.00	5054.48	5293.00
NEC	500.00	274.00	404.00
CIL	54693.13	56774.31	60058.59
SCCL	20080.00	23760.00	27936.00

(d) & (e) : Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, the statutory authority for enforcing the statutes governing safety in mines as per Mines Act-1952, conducts detailed enquiry into causes and circumstances of accidents in coal mines and fix the responsibility for such accidents, if any, including persons from management cadre. DGMS is empowered to take appropriate actions against the persons held responsible in enquiry, as per statute or may advise management to take appropriate action depending on the gravity of lapses/ negligence. Apart from the above, departmental enquiry is conducted in each case of accident and action is taken against the persons held responsible.

(f) : The details of the compensation and other relief provided by coal companies to the families of the deceased in mine accident in each case, are as under:

1. Immediate payment for funeral expenses and transport etc. is paid to the family of the deceased.

2. Ex-gratia payment of Rs 30000/- (revised from earlier Rs 25000 w.e.f 01.01.2005) to the family of the deceased.

3. Life Cover Scheme of Rs. 40,000/- (revised from Rs 30000 w.e.f 01.01.2005) to the family of the deceased.

4. Payment of compensation under Workmen Compensation Act, 1923, Gratuity on the basis of the length of service, P.F as per Coal Mines Provident Fund (CMPF) Rules, encashment of Earned Leave (EL) and other dues are paid.

5. Pension as per Coal Mines Pension Scheme (CMPS), 1998.

6. Employment is offered to eligible kin of the deceased.

7. In case there is no eligible person for employment, monetary compensation per month is paid to the family of the deceased.

Total amounts paid as compensation by CIL & SCCL during last three years (2004 to 2006) are Rs. 818.15 lakhs and Rs. 179.57 lakhs respectively.